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### **Kentucky Law Enforcement Issues Consortium's First Meeting Provides Vital Networking Opportunity for Law Enforcement Executives**

*Lt. Gov. Stephen Pence praises the group and hails its first meeting as a success*

**Richmond, KY:** Lt. Gov. Stephen B. Pence appointed nearly 50 of Kentucky's top law enforcement executives and professional association leaders to the newly created Kentucky Law Enforcement Issues Consortium (KLIC) April 14.

KLIC, a collaborative effort between the Department of Criminal Justice Training and the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, was comprised of top leaders of Kentucky's five professional law enforcement associations. The consortium also included additional chiefs and sheriffs, as well as other law enforcement executives from across the state, for the purpose of assisting and advising the administration on identifying and examining top issues, proposing action plans and providing support for implementation of items critical to public safety throughout the Commonwealth.

Lt. Gov. Pence, who also serves as secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, charged the KLIC with the task of addressing and finding solutions to the issues that are facing Kentucky's law enforcement community and praised them for their commitment and willingness to serve the Commonwealth.

"The Kentucky Law Enforcement Issues Consortium meeting provided a great opportunity for an open dialogue between our law enforcement officers from across the state," Lt. Gov. Pence said. "The meeting offered insight into important issues and concerns facing Kentucky's law enforcement agencies. I look forward to working with these entities on making Kentucky communities safer."

The two-day consortium began on Wednesday April 13 with a presentation by J. Patrick McCreary, associate deputy director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Office of Justice Programs, Washington D. C., about the re-prioritization of issues in law enforcement. His presentation focused on



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the current technology trends in law enforcement across the nation and the importance of information sharing and collaboration.

On Thursday, April 14 Keith Hall, executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, UNITE Executive Director Karen Engle, and Office of Drug Control Policy Executive Director Teresa Barton, along with DOCJT Commissioner John Bizzack and McCreary, participated in a roundtable discussion on issues of drug abuse in Kentucky, homeland security, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund, and recruitment and retention.

The roundtable was followed by facilitated group discussions among the KLIC committee members dealing with specific issues related to the broad topics presented in the roundtable discussion, during which they laid out possible solutions and funding options for each issue.

KLIC will meet twice a year to discuss issues that effect Kentucky law enforcement and bring their concerns before the governor through legislative proposals each year. The next KLIC meeting is scheduled for September.

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